A time to consider the giving up of what we are, for what we may become.

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"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'” — Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

**Message of the Week**

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Out of concern for the spread of the Coronavirus, the weekly “Soup Suppers” on Wednesdays have been suspended and there will be no Musician’s Easter Bread Bake on Palm Sunday.

**The Baby Bottle Campaign for Abria**

Pregnancy Resources continues during Lent. You can pick up an empty “Baby Bottle” at Church entrances. Please place your donation into the bottle and return it at the end of Lent. Checks may be payable to Abria. Thank you for your generosity for this worthy cause.

**2020 Catholic Services Appeal**

If you have not yet made a contribution, please consider doing so to help us make our goal this year of $8,420.00. Our parish receives a 25% rebate of the money collected. Thank you for your continued support of this giving mission.

-------------ThankYou-------------

To all the parishioners who attended the “Soup Suppers” and to all who gave of their time to prepare the good food, serve and set up the Hall for this weekly Lenten event. Even though we were not able to continue the “Suppers” throughout Lent, we received donations of $475.00 which we will send to the Missions.

We appreciated your participation and generosity. God Bless!!

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**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday, March 28th - 5:00 PM

Bob Fish

Sunday, March 29th - 9:30 AM

Sue Arneson

**LECTORS**

Saturday, March 28th - 5:00 PM

Lynn Johnston

Sunday, March 29th - 9:30 AM

Gabriel Kaizer

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Sunday, March 29th

Sue Arneson, Rolande Banwell and Tom and Lorraine Shinnick

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**WEEKEND COLLECTION**

March 14th / 15th - $1,805.25

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The deceased of our parish, and the family and friends who mourn them.
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